GIS and GPS to curb infiltration across border

940. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is equipping with latest technology of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) in order to curb infiltration across the border and also to counter terrorist activities; and

(b) if so, at what cost and from which country these systems will be procured and when the BSF is expected to apply these systems whenever and wherever required?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 6448 Nos. Global Positioning System (GPS) have been procured from M/s Magellan Navigation Inc. United States of America at a cost of US $198.00 per unit and further distributed to all Head Quarters/units and training institutions of Border Security Force (BSF). GIS pilot project is installed at Frontier Head Quarter BSF New Delhi. A tender for installing GIS in all Battalions of BSF is in progress. The total estimated cost is Rs. 24.79 Cr. With this the entire BSF up to Battalion level will be served with GIS.

Apprehension of attack on Tirupati temple

†941. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is apprehension of an attack on Tirupati temple;

(b) whether Lashkar-e-Taiba men have been arrested in Vithoor district; and

(c) whether it has been found out as to how they came to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Lashkar-E-Taiba activist, a resident of Jammu & Kashmir was arrested on 02.07.2007 in Madanapalle of Chittor district (Andhra Pradesh) and cash Rs. 88,000/-, 2 Motorola Cell phones and one fake Election Photo Identity Card were seized.

(c) As per reports by District Police the arrested person went to Pakistan from Kashmir and returned to India via Nepal.

Bangladeshi infiltrators in Assam

†942. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Bangladeshi infiltrators in Assam is more than 50 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government is aware of the drive by the people of Assam to oust Bangladeshis; and

(d) whether they are assisting the administration to provide information about the suspicious persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVT): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of illegal immigration/infiltration from Bangladesh into various parts of the country including Assam. However, as this activity takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration.

32 foreigners tribunals under the provisions of Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 have been constituted in the State of Assam for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners. The Government has also taken up various measures to curb illegal influx into the country, which *inter-alia* includes strengthening of Border Security Force (BSF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipments/gadgets; reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, etc. Besides administrative instructions are also issued to the State Governments and UT Administrations from time to time to launch special drives to detect the foreign nationals including Bangladeshi nationals, staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation.

Incidence of naxalite attacks

943. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) during past three years and current year, total number of Naxalite attacks, total number of persons killed/injured (Army, BSF-CRO etc., Police, Civilian, Naxal) and ammunitions looted by the Naxals;

(b) how many districts/Police Stations/States were affected by Naxal menace, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) what is the perception of Government regarding Naxalite threat scenario in the country; and

(d) what preventive steps Government intends to take to contain expanding Naxal activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, the total number of naxalite incidents, casualties in security personnel, casualties in civilians and arms snatched by the naxalites in the last 3 years and in the current year is given in the Statement *(See* below). In 2006, naxalite violence was reported in areas falling in 395 police stations in 91 districts in 11 states, out of a total number of 8488 police stations in those States. Government's approach is to combat naxalite activities in a holistic manner, in the arenas of security, development, administration and public perception management. State Governments undertake necessary action to combat naxalite activities, with the Central Government supplementing their efforts and resources through a range of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions to the States, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works. Close watch on the situation is maintained. Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.